

La Madera Neighborhood

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*An open door
A kindly heart,
A ready hand to lend.
You're more than special neighbors,
You're also special friends.
~Unknown*

Coalition for Sonoran Desert

Protection, Sean Sullivan
Outreach Coordinator

The Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection is scheduled to give a presentation at the next Neighborhood Association meeting in September. Please come and learn about the Coalition and the progress to date of the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan (SDCP). The SDCP has received national recognition for its potential to become the model conservation plan in the country. The Coalition will give a brief summary of the SDCP as well as talk about what needs to happen next to ensure we protect what makes Pima County a beautiful place to live.

La Madera Park News Bytes

- Parks and Recreation added 2 swings and painted the swing sets.
- Ward III and the Mayor's office each contributed \$15,000 for a total of \$30,000 for La Madera Park!!
- PRO Neighborhood awarded the La Madera Neighborhood \$1,500 to provide outdoor fitness equipment!!
- Neighbors are preparing a map and tree survey of La Madera Park for planning purposes!!

Next Neighborhood Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2005 at 6:30pm

Ward III Conference Room – 1510 E. Grant Rd.

On June 29, 2005, The Ward III office organized an informative (albeit scary) Town Hall meeting regarding the methamphetamine epidemic that is sweeping through the state. The meth epidemic will require everyone's help to rid our community of this destructive drug.

Signs of a meth lab:

Any single activity may or may not be sole proof that drug dealing or methamphetamine manufacturing is occurring. However, a combination of the following may be reason for concern.

- Frequent visitors at all times of the day or night.
- Activity at the house is usually at odd hours or late at night.
- Occupants appear unemployed, yet seem to have plenty of money and pay bills with cash.
- Occupants are unfriendly, appear secretive about activities.
- Occupants watch cars suspiciously when they pass by.
- Occupants display a paranoid or odd behavior.
- Extensive security at the home or signs that indicate "Private Property" or "Beware of Dog", fences, large shrubs, bushes and trees.
- Windows blackened or curtains always drawn.
- Occupants go outside the house to smoke cigarettes.
- Chemical odors coming from the house, garbage or detached buildings.
- Coffee filters, bed sheets or other material stained from filtering red phosphorus or other chemicals.
- Occupant sets his garbage for pick up in another neighbor's collection area.
- Evidence of chemical or waste dumping (i.e. burn pits, or "dead spots" in the yard.)
- What have others in your neighborhood observed?

Excerpt from the Tucson Neighborhood Resource Guide

To Report Suspicious Activity Call (520) 547-8800

Summary of Neighborhood Activities

- **July 2004** - Neighbors meet to address park issues
- **July 15, 2004** - Neighbors and City meet to address park issues
- **August 12, 2004** - Vote to remove one basketball hoop
- **February 2, 2005** - LMN Mtg
Vote for new board members
Vote to maintain one hoop
- **April 15, 2005** - Mtg at Ward III with city leaders to discuss funding for La Madera Park Re-Design
- **May 11, 2005** - LMN Mtg – Ward III pledges \$15,000 for La Madera Park
- **May 2005** - Mayor's office pledges Park funding
- **June 6, 2005** - Submit PRON grant application
- **July 2005** - Awarded \$1,500 PRON grant

La Madera Speed Limit 25 mph

Please help keep our streets safe

Board of Directors

Deborah Tosline (Co-Chair)	323-7108
Kim Peterson (Co-Chair)	323-9593
Suzy Azersky (Secretary)	323-9861
Beth Ritterbusch	795-5667
Brian Kelly	325-6799
Craig Wissler	327-2818
Jennifer Sprung	323-0039
Jon Cook	322-9010
Matthew Palmer	881-5829
Michele Hacherl	326-0104
Stacy Reynolds	822-5037
Tom Carstens	323-5026
Vanessa Dearing	795-4607
Walter Stein	795-3288

Important Numbers

Ward III	791-4711
88-Crime	882-7463
Abandoned "Junk" Vehicles	791-4444
Alley Maintenance	791-3154
Barking Dogs	743-7550
Bee Removal	626-5161
City Parks & Recreation	791-4873
Vehicles in the Park	791-4144
Street & Traffic Maint.	791-3154
Cockroach Problems	319-4601
Drug Activity	547-8800
Graffiti Removal	624-7833
Junk Cars	791-3171
Leash Law	743-7550
Noise Complaints	791-4444
Road Rage	235-7243

The capacity for getting along with our neighbor depends to a large extent on the capacity for getting along with ourselves. The self-respecting individual will try to be as tolerant of his neighbor's shortcomings as he is of his own.

~Eric Hoffer (American Writer, 1902-1983)

Creating a Common Vision: La Madera Park Redesign Underway

Members of the La Madera Neighborhood Association (LMNA) Board and volunteers have been working with neighbors to start the redesign process for La Madera Park. The process has begun with the development of a site plan, which will guide the redesign effort. The site plan will help determine the priority uses for funds while maintaining a common vision for the park.

The group design process has resulted in a vision for our park as a safe, attractive outdoor space that encourages physical activity and socialization for users of all ages.

The site plan is being developed from a review-and-comment process with members of the La Madera Neighborhood. Currently the plan includes improved circulation, an expanded ramada area, and landscape improvements. The LMNA Board has been working to design a walking path around the park that links fitness equipment, parking, and an upgraded play area.

The centerpiece of the design will be a revised ramada area that will become a focal point for neighborhood interaction. The area will include shade and seating improvements and feature a community information board. This is intended to be a gathering area for park users of all ages.

In addition to walkways and ramada space, the new design will include an increased number of trees to create a wooded area, or *la Madera*. These trees will be included as part of an area street tree plan which will extend the theme of the park into the neighborhood.

The LMNA Board is counting on your comments to refine the design ideas. Please contact any board member with your comments or suggestions.

Volunteer Opportunities

Support our neighborhood, volunteer! Help us establish different ways to communicate important information about the La Madera Neighborhood and Park. We need people to:

- Help prepare a monthly newsletter
- Use an existing City website to post neighborhood information
- Assist with developing and maintaining our neighborhood email list
- Maintain a phone contact list for non-computer users
- Maintain a message center at the park
- Establish or participate with a sub-committee to better our community
- Assist with grant writing
- Secure donations from nearby businesses

Contact Deborah at 323-7108 to contribute to our neighborhood.



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LA MADERA NEIGHBORHOOD

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Email

At present, we have approximately 40 La Madera email addresses. This has been an excellent way to get information out regarding meetings, neighborhood issues and most importantly, urgent matters on the safety of our neighborhood. If you would like to be added to the email list, please notify Suzy Azersky at aze@mindspring.com.

News to Share

This being our first newsletter, we are in need of our neighbors to contribute ideas, suggestions, editorials, etc. Please send submissions via email to aze@mindspring.com.

Thanks. Suzy Azersky

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